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SIR,

I Have here given you a Short but Perfect Account of one Father *Andrews* a Jeſuit, ſometimes Inhabiting at a place called *Hardwick* in *Monmouth-ſhire*, and ſometimes at his Brothers, *Thomas Andrews*'s Houſe in the Pariſh of *Skenfreth*, about eight Miles diſtant from *Hardwick* in the ſame County. Upon the Diſcovery of the late Plot, Warrants being iſſued out by ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, for the Apprehending of the ſaid Father *Andrews*; ſo that he was forced to abſcond from thoſe places above mentioned, and fled into an adjacent Wood, where he lay *Incognito*, for the ſpace of Three Months and upwards; his Food being conveyed to him by a Servant Boy, which his Brother ſent daily to him. He finding that place not to agree well with his Conſtitution, one *Hills* a Prieſt and a Viſiter of his, got him a Private Lodging in a poor Widdows Houſe, whoſe name was *Jane Harris*. *Hills* came often to Viſit him during the ſpace of three or four Days. The poor Woman was imployed by *Hills* to go ſeveral times to a Butchers, (who lived in a ſmall Village about half a Mile diſtant) to buy Meat for Father *Andrews*; ſhe was not to buy much at a time, becauſe he muſt have it Freſh and Freſh; the ſight of a Large Joint was enough to have taken away his Stomack, being a weakly man, and much ſtricken in Years. This Butcher taking notice of this Poor Womans coming ſo often to him to buy Meat, which formerly ſhe did not uſe to do: for ſhe was not in a Condition to buy it for her ſelf; he took an occaſion to ask her who it was for; She ingeniouſly confeſſed, that it was for an Antient Gentleman who was newly come to lodge at her houſe; whereupon the Butcher ſuſpecting that he muſt be either a Prieſt or a Jeſuit, preſently went to one Mr. *Arnal* a Juſtice of the Peace, (and a great Proſecutor of the Papiſts) and gave him Information what the Woman had ſaid, upon which Mr. *Arnal* went himſelf with ſeveral of his Servants, and ſome Neighbours to ſearch the Houſe; but old Father *Andrews*, having ſome private notice of it,

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made his Escape before they came. The Widdow Woman was examined what became of the Old Gentleman which Lodged at her House; she said he was newly gone, but whither she did not know, he was a *Stranger* to her, and had been there but four days. The Justice Committed the Woman to the Common Goal of *Uske*, for the said County, where she now remains. After this Escape Mr. *Arnal* could hear no more of him, till about the 27*th* of *June* last; and then a Farmer living at *Wengothan* near *Abergaveny*; who having occasion to lay some Hay in a Barn of his, which was formerly a Chappel belonging to some Abby or Priory; and there clearing away some old Stubble-Straw to make room for the Hay, under which he found a place digg'd like a Grave, and newly filled up; whereupon he was at first surprised, and could not tell what to do, at last he thought it his best way to go to a Justice of the Peace, and Inform him of it, supposing somebody might have been Murthered and Buried there. The Justice presently Ordered the place to be Searched; and there they found the Corps of a Man who had been newly Buried; he had no Coffin, only a Sheet wrapt about him, with a Cross made of Wax on his Stomach, with several *Beads*, *Crucifixes*, and other *Romish* Fopperies about him. Then presently the *Coroner* was sent for, and called a Jury of *Inquest*, who sate and found the Body had been poysoned, for it was very much swell'd. The Body was exposed to publick view, for two or three days; in which time it was discovered, that it was the Body of the aforesaid Father *Andrews* the Jesuite. Search was presently made, to see if they could find out how he came to be Buried in that place, and how he came to his End; but it could not be done, so that 'tis thought he was privately conveyed thither in the Night, and there Buried, because it was Antiently a Religious Place. This is a Just Account.

I am,

Sir,

Shenfreth, July the 2d. 1679.

Your Humble Servant,

J. D.

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